

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
 IPC 7 A61K31/198 A61P25/16 A61P25/28

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS, EMBASE

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category <sup>o</sup>	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 919 823 A (RICHARDSON ET AL) 6 July 1999 (1999-07-06)  claims 7,9,30 -----	1,2,9, 10,12, 22,23
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	FORSSELL L G, EKLÖF R, WINBLAD B: "Early stages of late onset Alzheimer's disease" ACTA NEUROLOGICA SCANDINAVICA, vol. 79, no. 121, 1989, pages 27-42, XP008043310 page 28, right-hand column, paragraph 1 -----	

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1-28 (part)

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1. claims: 1-28(part)

Use of a combination of branched amino acids for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases

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2. claims: 1-28(part)

Use of a combination of branched amino acids for the treatment of ischaemic states

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3. claims: 1-28(part)

Use of a combination of branched amino acids for the treatment of sarcopenia of the aged

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4. claims: 1-28(part)

Use of a combination of branched amino acids for the treatment of senescence

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5. claims: 29-31

Use of at least one branched amino acid for the treatment of conditions characterised by unsufficient mitochondrial function

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